

VOTE 'YES' ON PROPOSITIONS NOS. 1 AND 3

Of the seventeen measures on which the citizens of California will vote at Tuesday's election, none are more important than Propositions Numbers One and Three.

Proposition Number One will make available \$100,000,000 which veterans of California can borrow for the purchase of homes and farms. The remarkable fact which Californians will have in mind when they approve this measure is that their action will not cost them, nor the State, a single penny. This, because the men and women who borrow funds pay all charges.

Proposition Number One has been enthusiastically endorsed by Governor Earl Warren in these words:

"During the twenty-five years of existence, this plan of financing the purchase of farms and homes by California veterans has proved to be the most successful veteran legislation in the history of the State. Its benefits—both to the veteran and the community—have been far-reaching and continuous."

More than 60,000 California veteran families now have applications for home loans on file with the State. Funds previously provided have all been loaned. These 60,000 California veteran families are depending on all the rest of us to help them solve their hardest problem.

By casting your ballot for Proposition Number One on Tuesday you can help take our California veterans, their wives and their children out of trailers, tents and shacks.

A "Yes" vote on Proposition No. Three will insure proper state support for schools and adequate teacher salary minimums.

Proposition Number Three, which increases the minimum salary of California public school teachers to \$2400 yearly is the only sound proposal yet advanced to halt the alarming drain of teachers from schoolrooms and teaching talent from teacher-training schools.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties—and more than 2000 organizations in every responsible civic, business, fraternal, labor and veteran category—have given Proposition Number Three unqualified endorsement.

By an odd quirk of political circumstance, the ballot also includes a school Proposition—Number 12—which virtually nullifies the progressive educational safeguards of Proposition Number Three.

We earnestly recommend, for better schools in California, a "Yes" vote on Proposition Number Three coupled with a "No" vote on Proposition Number 12.

TENTATIVE DATES SET FOR ELECTIONS IN FORMATION OF TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD

Everything is being placed in readiness for the formation of the Torrance City School district early next year, according to word from Dr. C. C. Carpenter, assistant county superintendent of schools.

If careful plans being made by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas for introduction and adoption of the resolution ratifying the new City Charter of Torrance upon the opening of the California Legislature on Jan. 6 are executed, the election to pick the high school district of which the Torrance City School district temporarily will become a part, will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, 1947.

Torrance voters will decide whether the Torrance high school students will remain under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles city schools pending the formation of the Torrance Unified school district late next year, or whether they will go under the jurisdiction of the Redondo Union High School district. In either event, they will continue to attend classes in the Torrance High school. Redondo Beach affiliation is being favored in Torrance for many reasons, in addition to those which caused the people of the city to vote for withdrawal of Torrance from the Los Angeles city system on Aug. 20 by nearly two to one. The principal reason is the fact that Torrance will become a part of the new El Camino Junior college district, and will have access to these college classes at a campus which will

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Vincent Thomas Again Thanks Local Voters

Asked by the Torrance Herald for a personal statement, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas said that he desired again to thank the people of Torrance, Lomita and the surrounding area for the honor accorded him in nominating him on both the Democratic and Republican party tickets as the primary.

While tantamount to election, the name of Assemblyman Thomas will appear on the ballot of Tuesday's election, and he will return to Sacramento to continue his good work for the district.

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to the people for their endorsement and expression of confidence at the polls, and the friends who worked so hard for my nomination on both tickets," Thomas said.

Caldwell Appeals to Truman As He Shelters Two Evicted Families Here

President Truman, Governor Warren and the City Council of Torrance, have been called upon by J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, philanthropist and humanitarian whose heart goes out to those smitten by the housing shortage, whether veterans or not.

After trying unsuccessfully for weeks to find a home for the family of James Harness, of San Pedro, Caldwell has taken father, mother and children onto his own residential premises to give them shelter. Since the family is destitute because home-finding for women and children comes ahead of job-finding, Caldwell reached into his own pocket to buy a coal oil range to use in the little "shack" they occupy, and Virginia Maden, of Phi Sigma Phi, saw to it that they had the benefit of a gas-line lamp for lighting. Harness, evicted from his home Sept. 1, has been all over California looking for a home for his family, so that he can go to work.

Roy W. Stevens, employed by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, has housed with his wife and family of five in a garage on Main street after they were evicted from their home in the Shoestring strip just east of Torrance. He could not get a tent to live in because he has been able to hold on to his job, and therefore is not destitute in the eyes of county charities.

Caldwell yesterday, after sending a letter to the City Council Tuesday night which got no action, declared that he had wired President Truman and Governor Warren to find some

solution to the problem of these two families, and the hundreds of similar cases in this area.

He has tried to get vacant army barracks, tents, even permission for families to occupy park lawns, but unsuccessfully. The warehouse and other property formerly used by Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. at Normandie ave. and Carson st. was found to be "unavailable," he said.

Caldwell asked the City Council to provide shelter for these families destitute for want of homes. He urged that the city provide land for trailers, permission to erect small garage type homes temporarily, and appeal for leniency on the part of the City Planning Commission and City Engineer's office in aiding the problem, but the letter fell on deaf ears. No action was taken on the letter, nor was any sympathetic remark made when it was read by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

What Caldwell will be able to accomplish by his appeal to the president and governor remains to be seen, but he again is urging any Torrance family who can aid in doing something for those forced to vacate homes, without a place to go, to please contact him at 1339 Post ave.

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Tiajuana Rotary Members Guests Of Clubs Here

Torrance Civic auditorium to-night will be the scene of a meeting of ten nearby Rotary clubs who will entertain the Rotary club of Tia Juana, Mexico. The affair will be a ladies' night, it was said.

Participating with Torrance Rotary in the preparation of plans for the meeting are the Rotary clubs of Avalon, Compton, Crenshaw, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Southwest Los Angeles and Wilmington, according to Robert T. MacCallum.

Hawthorne Rotary club is sponsor of the meeting, which has been an annual custom of that organization except during the war years. Some 800 Rotarians and their wives and guests are expected.

An address on "International Amity" will be given by Alanzo Baker, political analyst, Mexico City, and dancer. Mexican singers and dancers also will feature the program.

Honor guests include Dr. Manuel Rivas, Mayor of Tiajuana and District Governor of Mexico's Rotary District 24; Dr. Pedro Ropo, president of the Tiajuana Rotary club; Manuel Aguilar, Mexican Consul General to Los Angeles; A. E. Jordan, American Consul at Tiajuana; Sheriff Eugene Biscaluz of Los Angeles, and practically the entire membership of the Tiajuana Rotary group.

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COURTESY VOTE . . . These three officials, Governor Earl Warren, left, Rep. Cecil R. King, center, and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, right, will be given a courtesy, but legally very necessary, vote at the polls Tuesday, since each was nominated for office by both the Democrats and Republicans. Voters are urged to mark their ballots just the same even though nomination by both major parties is tantamount to election. A Torrance man, Weaver H. Jones, is conducting a "write in" campaign against Rep. King.

CONSTRUCTION ON TRACT OF 140 NEW HOMES STARTS ON ELLINWOOD RANCH LAND

Ground was broken this week on the development of Seaside Ranches, in Southwest Torrance, which will see the completion within the next few months of 140 homes.

Representing an investment of nearly \$1,500,000, the new tract is being developed on property purchased from the Ellinwood interests, just east of the Torrance-Redondo Beach line and north of 101 highway.

Work has started on five new streets, and the lots will range from 78 by 140 feet in size to half acres.

F.H.A. approval for mortgage insurance has been secured, the veterans' priorities from the OPA for all materials have been approved and financing through Bank of America, with loans of \$1,184,000 of record, has been completed, according to Ben Haggart, president of Seaside Ranches, developers of the tract.

The 140 homes will be built on 66.22 acres, but as soon as these are completed, work will go ahead on the whole 200-acre tract, a \$6,000,000 home building project.

George M. Holstein Jr., vice president of Seaside Ranches, will be in actual charge of construction. Roy E. Dolley, Los Angeles attorney who purchased the land from C. N. Ellinwood, is secretary-treasurer of the corporation.

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William Stanger Aids Plaintiffs In Water Case

William Stanger, manager of Torrance Water districts, has been named by the City Council as technical advisor for the city in the prosecution of the lawsuit of Torrance, California Water Service Co. and Palos Verdes Water Company against all other ground water producers in the West Basin area.

The appointment was made at the request of Kenneth K. Wright, attorney for the plaintiffs in the suit which seeks to determine the safe yield of wells in the West Basin and adjudication of the rights to the ground water.

The State Division of Water Resources already has been named by the Superior court as referee to determine the safe yield of wells, and the suit seeks to limit production to the figures determined and to import water to make up the difference between the safe yield and consumption needs.

In order to be prepared to import water, in the face of probable ground water production cuts of as high as 50 percent, the West Basin Municipal Water district now is being formed to seek membership in the Metropolitan Water District.

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CITY SALES TAX, ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR YEAR, IS PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE

Imposition for one year of a city sales tax of one-half of one percent on gross sales was voted by ordinance of the City Council Tuesday night, in its effort to overcome revenue shortages which threw the budget off balance nearly \$80,000.

The ordinance, adopted finally and being published in full in this edition of the Torrance Herald, will expire on Nov. 30, 1947, as requested by a Chamber of Commerce committee studying city financial problems. It is, in effect, identical with the California sales tax ordinance with alterations and exceptions of the local ordinance. The effective date is Dec. 1, 1946.

Merchants Group Reports Meter Protest Success

The merchants committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, circulating referendum petitions seeking a vote of the people on the question of installation of parking meters in the Torrance retail section, anticipates plenty of signatures, Bob L. Haggard, chairman, said yesterday.

While the committee has until Nov. 15 to file the petitions, probably they will be filed early next week, he said.

Some 30 petitions are out and more are being called for daily, as residents seeking a chance to voice their opposition to the parking meter ordinance affix their signatures to the documents.

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